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SUBJ: MALTA/UK DISPUTE

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ON SUBJECT BY OPPOSITION
M.P., MINTOFF REPORTEDLY (GWU MALTESE LANGUAGE PRESS)
RESPONDED THAT "THE TWO SIDES ARE STILL MAINTAINING THEIR
POSITIONS. GOM WILL NOT PAY INTEREST AND DEBT
TO BRITIAN BEFORE THERE IS AN INCREASE IN RENT, THE
VALUE OF WHICH HAS GONE DOWN CONSIDERABLY AS A RESULT
OF THE FLOTATION OF THE BRITISH POUND; FOR ITS PART
HMG WILL NOT BE GIVING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO MALTA
UNLESS PAYMENT OF DEBT AND INTEREST IS FULFILLED."

2. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE UNCHARACTERISTIC FOR
MINTOFF TO ALLOW THIS ISSUE TO REMAIN QUIESCENT
MUCH LONGER. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, MINTOFF'S LETTER OF
OCT 6 TO DOUGLAS HOME (VALLETTA 2015) HAS NOT BEEN
ANSWERED, AND AS THE ANNUAL MINTOFF TRANTRUM SEASON
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APPROACHES WE EXPECT MORE TO COME. IT IS ALSO

LIKELY THAT QUESTION OF SPECIAL PAYMENTS IN FUTURE
YEARS WILL BE TAKEN UP, AND WE SUGGEST THAT THIS
ISSUE BE IRONED OUT IN NATO SHORTLY, RATHER THAN
LEFT TO LAST MINUTE.
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